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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after final amendment filed 3/3/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13,14 and 16-30.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Corrected filing response.

/Suzette J Gherbi/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3738

SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION

In view of the papers filed 6/9/08, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by "PCT/IL03/02889" to "**PCT/IB03/02889**".

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Allen Fanucci on 7/8/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

[0147] As with the previous embodiments, the ureteral stent 100C may include any number of extension members 114C extending from the proximal end portion 106C of elongate member 102C. For example, Figures 8A, 8B, and 8C all illustrate embodiments of ureteral stent 100C having four extension members. Figure 8D illustrates an embodiment of ureteral stent 100C' having three extension members. Figures 8E and 9B illustrate embodiments of ureteral stent 100C'' having two extension members. In addition, the extension members maybe formed in a variety of different shapes and sizes. For example, Figure 8A illustrates an embodiment of ureteral stent 100C having extension members 114C. Figures 8B and 8D illustrate embodiments of a ureteral stent having extension members 114C¹. Figures 8C and 8E illustrate further embodiments of a ureteral stent having extension members 114C². Figure 9B illustrates a ureteral stent having extension members 114C³. The extension members 114C-114C³ may be formed monolithically with the elongate member as described above for the previous embodiments. Specifically, in one embodiment, the elongate member is split to form the extension members. As shown, for example, in Figures 8A-8E and 9B, the extension members 114C-114C³ can define multiple openings in a wall of the elongate member, and the openings can be disposed at a distance from a proximal end of the elongate member. In addition, in one embodiment, the extension members 114C-114C³ are homogenously constructed and have a solid cross-section as shown for extension members 114C³ in Figure 9C. The solid cross-section extends from the proximal end to the distal end of each of the extension members 114C-114C³.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUZETTE J. GHERBI whose telephone number is (571)272-4751. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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